

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004, the examiner allowed applicant's claims 1-4, 6-23, and 26-34. Claims 36, 38 and 39 were indicated to recite allowable subject matter. The remaining pending claims 24-25, 35, 37 and 40 were rejected in view of cited art. These rejections were made final.

By this Response, applicant has canceled rejected claims 24 and 25.

In addition, by this Response, applicant has amended independent claim 35 to incorporate the limitations from related and now-canceled dependent claim 36. In view of the examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 36, claim 35 as now presented is respectfully submitted to be in proper form for allowance.

Dependent claims 37-38 and 40 remain in this application, and add further limitations to parent claim 35 as now presented. In view of the allowability of parent claim 35, these dependent claims are also submitted for reconsideration and allowance.

Finally, dependent claim 39 of this application has been re-written in independent form. In view of the examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 39, this claim is also submitted for reconsideration and allowance.

In conclusion, claims 1-4, 6-23, 26-35, and 37-40 of this application are now believed to be in proper form for allowance, consistent with the examiner's indication of allowability in the recent Office Action. Accordingly, a formal Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order, and is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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